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## For Immediate Release

## Excise Officers Cite 23 People, 6 Businesses at Boat Race

**MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (Aug. 3)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited 23 people and six businesses during Michigan City's 6th Annual Super Boat Great Lakes Grand Prix this weekend.

While patrolling Michigan City this weekend, excise officers cited or arrested 23 people on 39 charges and six licensed establishments on 15 charges.

Four people were arrested on drug-related charges. Two minors were arrested for illegal possession of alcohol, with one also being cited for being in a tavern or liquor store. Twenty-two people were cited for various other infractions, including two for open container violations.

The following locations were cited administratively for various alcohol and tobacco violations:

Maxine's, 521 Franklin, was preliminary cited for a floor-plan violation.

King Richard's Liquors, 3311 Franklin, was preliminarily cited for allowing a minor to enter, sale of alcohol to a minor and failure to check ID.

Ryan's, 401 Franklin, was preliminarily cited for a floor-plan violation on Friday, then again on Saturday for allowing carry-in/carry-out alcoholic beverages.

Me and My Bar, 3201 E. Dunes Hwy, was preliminarily cited for violating the state Smoke-Free Air law by allowing smoking where prohibited, failure to remove smoking paraphernalia and failure to post signage.

Next Door Store, 10201 U.S. 12, was preliminarily cited for not having tobacco-related signage.

Clubhouse, 415 East U.S. Hwy 20, was preliminarily cited for allowing carry-in/carry-out alcoholic beverages and allowing a minor to loiter at two separate catering permit locations.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

All respondents are to be presumed not liable until, and unless the plaintiff can prove by preponderance of the evidence the respondent's liability in an administrative hearing.